

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE,

For the Year 1876.



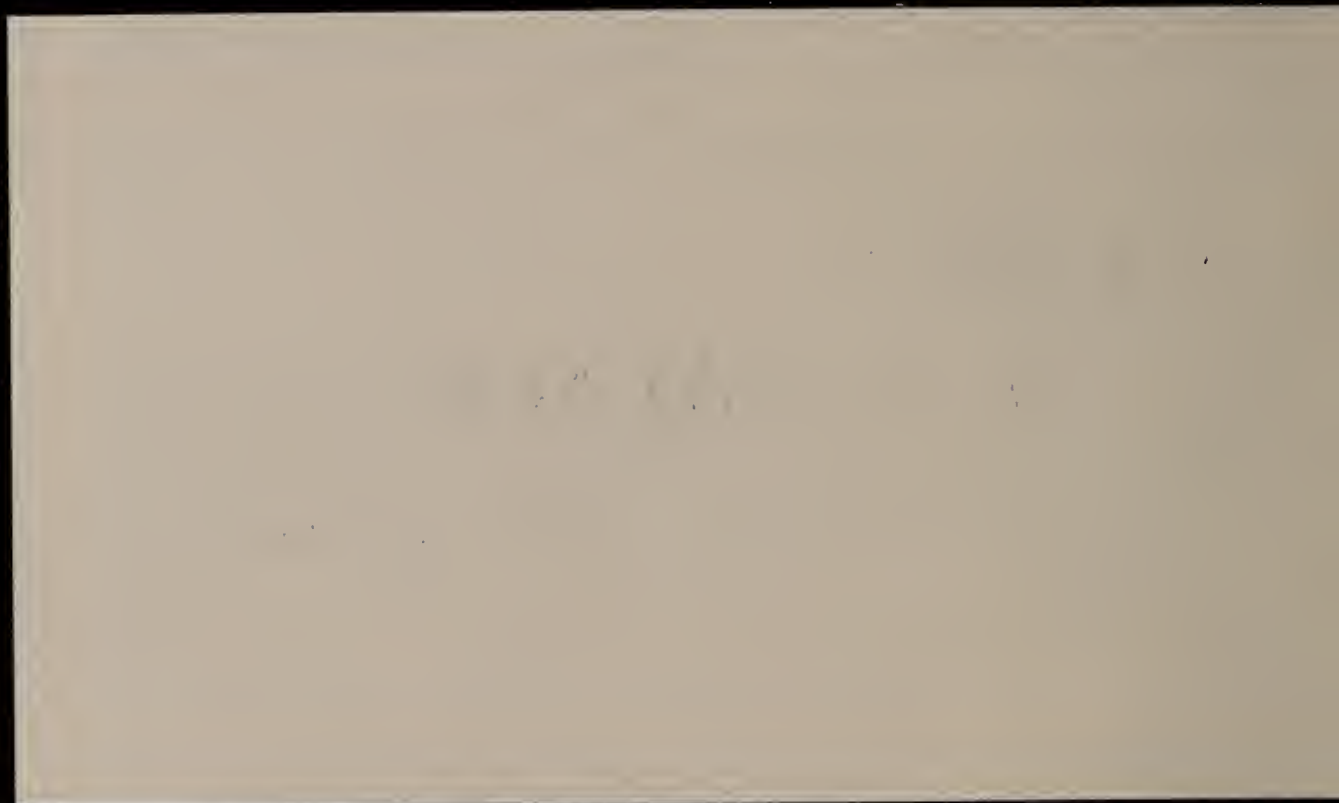
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# CITY OF BOSTON.

## *City Document No. 7.*

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE,  
BOSTON, January 8, 1877.

*To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council of  
Boston:—*

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit to you herewith my seventh annual report, showing briefly the condition of the department and a synopsis of the work done during the year ending December 31, 1876.

#### ORGANIZATION.

The maximum number of the force as now organized is seven hundred men, including officers of rank and patrolmen, as follows:—

Chief of Police . . . . .	1	Special Officers at Chief's Office	8
Deputy Chief of Police . . . . .	1	Supt. Building Permits . . . . .	1
Assistant Deputy Chief . . . . .	1	Supt. Hackney Carriages . . . . .	1
Clerk of Police . . . . .	1	Supt. Wagons . . . . .	1
Assistant Clerk . . . . .	1	Supt. Pawnbrokers . . . . .	1
Property Clerk . . . . .	1	Asst. Supt. Pawnbrokers . . . . .	1
Messenger at Chief's Office . . . . .	1	Assistant to Truant Officer . . . . .	1
Supt. Intelligence Offices . . . . .	1	Police Captains at Stations . . . . .	15
Keeper of City Prison . . . . .	1	Police Lieutenants at Stations . . . . .	32
Assistant Keepers . . . . .	2	Police Sergeants at Stations . . . . .	41
Steward at City Prison . . . . .	1	Patrolmen at Stations . . . . .	578
Day Watch at City Hall . . . . .	3		
Night Watch at City Hall . . . . .	3	Total . . . . .	700
Night Watch at Probate Office . . . . .	2		

#### GENERAL DIVISIONS.

The general police divisions are the Central Office and fifteen districts. The Central or Chief's Office is at City Hall, and is the head-quarters of the department. The fifteen districts are each under the supervision of a Captain of Police, assisted by lieutenants, sergeants, and a suitable number of patrolmen.



The officers on duty at and connected with Central Office are as follows :—

Edward H. Savage . . . . .	Chief of Police.
James Quinn . . . . .	Deputy Chief.
John F. Ham . . . . .	Asst. Deputy Chief.
Harvey N. Follansbee . . . . .	Clerk of Police.
James F. Mitchell . . . . .	Asst. Clerk.
I. Gilbert Robbins . . . . .	Property Clerk.
Eben S. Crocker . . . . .	Messenger.

#### SPECIAL OFFICERS.

William W. Currier.	Albion P. Dearborn.	Alfred R. Drew.
Lebbeus B. McCausland.	Isaac Hines.	Charles L. Skelton.
James R. Wood.	Edmund D. Wiggin.	

#### SUPERINTENDENTS.

Elisha W. Goodwin . . . . .	Sup't Building Permits.
Rulus C. Marsh . . . . .	Sup't Hackney Carriages.
Timothy R. Page . . . . .	Sup't Wagons.
Henry C. Hemmenway . . . . .	Sup't Intelligence Offices.
William H. McCausland . . . . .	Sup't Pawnbrokers.
William Calder . . . . .	Ass't Sup't Pawnbrokers.

#### CITY HALL DAY WATCH.

John L. Cook. William C. F. Tracy. John Hurley.

#### CITY HALL NIGHT WATCH.

Jacob H. Currier. Samuel Preston. Adam Sylvester.

#### REGISTER OF PROBATE NIGHT WATCH.

John L. Harvey. Gilman B. Robinson.

#### OFFICERS OF CITY PRISON.

William A. Ham . . . . .	Keeper.
Thomas Fitzgerald, James McGaregill . . . . .	Asst. Keeper.
John Cowdrey . . . . .	Steward.
Warren A. Wright . . . . .	Asst. to Truant Officers.

#### TERRITORY.

The land territory within the limits of the city covers an area of about 19,000 acres, with about 500 miles of accepted and unaccepted streets, parks, courts, alleys, and passages; about 30 miles of water front, with some 220 wharves, of greater or less extent.

The city also has criminal jurisdiction over the water and islands in the harbor, comprising an area of about 20,000 acres.

The land territory is divided into districts, each of which is subdivided into routes or beats, so that the whole may be covered by a police patrol at all times of the day and night, the harbor, as far as practicable, being protected by the police steamer and three row-boats.

#### DISTRICT DIVISIONS AND DETAILS.

*District No. 1* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Hanover and Union streets; thence by the centre of Union street, Faneuil-Hall square, Faneuil-Hall and Quincy markets, Commercial, Clark, Hanover and Commercial streets, and Charles-river bridge, to the draw, by the channel, and the line between the Eastern and Boston and Maine railroads to Causeway street; thence by the centre of Causeway, Portland and Hanover streets to the point of beginning. The station-house is located on Hanover near Cross street.

#### OFFICERS.

Captain, Nathaniel Emerson.  
Lieutenants, Joseph B. Blanchard, Charles C. J. Spear.  
Sergeants, David M. Peirce, Samuel A. Todd, Thomas Weir.  
and 49 patrolmen.

*District No. 2* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Hanover and Union streets; thence by the centre of Union street, Faneuil-Hall square, Faneuil-Hall and Quincy markets, Commercial, State and India streets and India wharf; thence by the water front to the foot of Summer street; thence by the centre of Summer and Winter streets, the west side of Tremont street, the south side of Park street, and the centre of Beacon, Somerset, Howard and Hanover streets to the point of beginning. The station-house is located in Court square.

#### OFFICERS.

Captain, Paul J. Vinal.  
Lieutenants, Benjamin D. Burley, Daniel W. Child.  
Sergeants, Joseph H. Bates, Solomon S. Foster, John H. Laskey,  
and 69 patrolmen.

*District No. 3* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Causeway and Portland streets; thence by the centre of Portland, Hanover, Howard, Somerset and Beacon to Park street; thence by the south side of Beacon to Arling-

ton street; thence by the centre of Beacon street to the Brookline town-line; thence by said town-line to the Boston and Albany railroad bridge on Brighton avenue; thence by the centre of Essex street to the draw of the Cambridgeport bridge; thence by the Cambridge line and the channel of Charles river to the line between the Eastern and Boston & Maine railroads, and by said line and the centre of Causeway street to the point of beginning. The station-house is located on Joy, near Cambridge street.

#### OFFICERS.

Captain, Horace M. Ford.

Lieutenants, Jonathan W. Baker, Martin L. White.

Sergeants, John B. Eastman, Daniel M. Hammond, Stephen L. Lewis,  
and 52 patrolmen.

*District No. 4* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Tremont and Winter streets; thence across Tremont street and up the west side of Tremont and Park streets and the south side of Beacon to Arlington street; thence by the centre of Beacon and Parker streets to the Boston and Albany Railroad track; thence easterly by the centre of said track to Fort Point channel; thence by the water front to the foot of Summer street; thence by the centre of Summer and Winter streets to the point of beginning. The station-house is located on La Grange, near Tremont street.

#### OFFICERS.

Captain, Samuel G. Adams.

Lieutenants, Lyman W. Gould, Alfred H. Porter.

Sergeants, Charles S. Hildreth, Cyrus K. Thomas,  
Oliver L. Winship,  
and 74 patrolmen.

*District No. 5* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Parker street and the Boston and Albany Railroad track, thence by the centre of said track easterly to Fort Point channel and by said channel to the centre of the draw on Dover-street bridge; thence by a straight line to the northeasternmost point of Pine Island; thence by a straight line to the old Roxbury canal opposite Stoughton street, Ward 18; thence by the centre of the canal to the centre of the draw on the Albany-street bridge; thence by the centre of Albany and Northampton streets, Harrison avenue, Hunneman and Washington streets, and the old Roxbury line to Tremont street; thence by a straight line westerly to the dike,



and by said dike and the centre of Parker street to the point of beginning. The station-house is located on East Dedham, near Washington street.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Cyrus Small.  
Lieutenants, Edward M. Johnson, Robert Pierce.  
Sergeants, Timothy A. Hurley, Charles L. Merrill,  
Curtis Trask,  
and 59 patrolmen.

*District No. 6* is bounded by a line beginning at the water at the foot of Dorchester street; thence by the centre of Dorchester street and by the old Dorchester line to the water on South Bay; thence by a straight line to the northeasternmost point of Pine Island; thence by a straight line to the centre of the draw on Dover-street bridge; thence by the water front to the point of beginning. The station-house is located on Broadway, near C street.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Lyford W. Graves.  
Lieutenants, Joseph R. Burrill, Edward Y. Graves.  
Sergeants, George Emerson, Joseph B. Emerson,  
Eugene M. Johnson,  
and 34 patrolmen.

*District No. 7* includes all the territory within the limits of East Boston and Breed's Island.

The station-house is located on Meridian, near Paris street.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Romanzo H. Wilkins.  
Lieutenants, James Adams, Richardson A. Tewksbury.  
Sergeants, George W. Adams, Dummer Erskine,  
William S. Kendall,  
and 32 patrolmen,

*District No. 8* is bounded by a line beginning at the water at the foot of India wharf; thence by the centre of India wharf, India, State, Commercial, Clark, Hanover, Commercial and Prince streets to the centre of the draw on Charles-river bridge; thence by the water front to the point of beginning. This district also includes all the land and water territory of the harbor coming under the criminal jurisdic-

tion of the County of Suffolk (a part of which being concurrent with the counties of Norfolk and Plymouth).

This jurisdiction includes all territory lying westerly of a line from Point Allerton to the outer point of Great Brewster Island, and thence to Short Beach at a line between North Chelsea and Winthrop, together with all the territory of the town of Hull.

This outer boundary line was established by the Legislature at its last session, on an application emanating from this department.

The station-house is located at the corner of Battery and Commercial streets.

#### OFFICERS.

Captain, James W. Twombly.

Lieutenants, Byron F. Bragdon, John B. Wedger.

Sergeants, James Magee, Nathan A. Simonds, Ebenezer E. Thomas,  
and 24 patrolmen.

#### OFFICERS OF STEAMER "PROTECTOR."

Lieut. George F. Gould, Chief Officer.

Sergt. Louis W. Swan, Second Officer.

Lieut. Stephen Henton, Engineer.

Lewis W. Bennér, Fireman,  
and 2 deck-hands.

*District No. 9* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Washington and Hunneman streets; thence by the centre of Hunneman street, Harrison avenue, Northampton and Albany streets and the old Roxbury canal, to a point opposite Stoughton street, Ward 18; thence by a straight line to the northeasternmost point of Pine Island; thence by a straight line to the old Dorchester line on Boston street; thence by the centre of Boston, Hancock and Columbia streets, Blue Hill avenue and Seaver street and the old West Roxbury line to Washington street; thence by the centre of Washington street to the point of beginning.

#### OFFICERS.

Captain, Joseph Hastings.

Lieutenants, Frank H. Briggs, John F. Gardiner.

Sergeants, Lyman Andrews, Henry O. Goodwin, Charles Hood,  
and 36 patrolmen.

*District No. 10* is bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Washington street and the old line between Rox-

bury and Boston; thence by the centre of Washington street to the old West Roxbury line; thence by said line, Brookline town line and the centre of Beacon street to the dike; thence by said dike across the Back Bay flats, and thence easterly to Tremont street, at the old line between Roxbury and Boston, and by said line to the point of beginning.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, John W. Chase.  
Lieutenants, Hawley Folsom, Silas M. Littlefield.  
Sergeants, Walter L. Clark, Jeremiah J. McNamara,  
Henry H. Perkins,  
and 36 patrolmen.

*District No. 11* includes all that part of the former town of Dorchester lying east and south of the centre of Boston, Hancock and Columbia streets, Blue Hill avenue and the old West Roxbury line. The station-house is located at the corner of Adams and Arcadia streets; there are also small quarters at Neponset, Dorchester Lower Mills and Mattapan for the officers detailed for duty in those localities.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, William Chadbourn.  
Lieutenants, George Emerson, John E. Jones.  
Sergeant, Luther H. Collyer,  
and 23 patrolmen.

*District No. 12* includes all that part of South Boston and Washington Village east of the centre of Dorchester street. The station-house is located on Fourth, near K street.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Elijah H. Goodwin.  
Lieutenants, Calvin P. Elliott, David W. Herrick.  
Sergeants, Jacob W. Glynn, George W. Hathaway,  
James H. Lambert,  
and 26 patrolmen.

*District No. 13* includes all the territory of the former town of West Roxbury. The station-house is located on Seaverns avenue, Jamaica Plain.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Alexander McDonald.  
Lieutenants, Andrew J. Chase, Eben T. Hitchcock.  
Sergeant, George E. Haines,  
and 23 patrolmen.



*District No. 14* includes all the territory of the former town of Brighton, together with the former portion of Brookline lying westerly of the Boston and Albany railroad at Cottage farm. The station-house is located in the old town hall at Brighton Centre.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Harvey J. Beckwith.  
Lieutenants, Samuel S. Sherman, Gustavus A. Smith.  
Sergeant, William H. Brown,  
and 17 patrolmen.

*District No. 15* includes all the territory of the former city of Charlestown. The station-house is located in the old City Hall, on City square.

## OFFICERS.

Captain, Oliver Ayers.  
Lieutenants, William H. Brown, Benjamin Williams.  
Sergeants, Joseph B. Cotton, Henry Fox,  
Orison Little,  
and 32 patrolmen.

## CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Maximum for January 1, 1876	.	.	.	700
Vacancies	.	.	.	10
				—
In the service	.	.	.	690
Appointments during the year	.	.	.	36
				— 726
Died during the year	.	.	.	9
Resigned	.	.	.	10
Discharged	.	.	.	7
				— 26
				—
In the service December 31, 1876	.	.	.	700
Vacancies	.	.	.	—
				—
Maximum force	.	.	.	700
				—
Saddle-horses in use	.	.	.	32



CITY PROPERTY IN USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

STATIONS.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	Central Office.	Total.
American flags . . . . .	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	22	31
Ash barrels . . . . .	5	2	..	3	3	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	18
Axes . . . . .	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	..	14
Barometers . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Baskets . . . . .	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	7	35
Bed blankets . . . . .	28	42	23	30	36	22	16	24	32	21	28	14	30	14	14	14	388
“ comforters . . . . .	55	21	60	60	33	19	32	35	35	17	17	20	8	10	14	4	440
“ pillows . . . . .	29	21	24	28	50	27	16	20	20	21	24	26	16	8	14	4	348
“ pillow cases . . . . .	100	50	105	97	100	30	32	28	40	42	24	29	28	14	28	12	659
“ sheets . . . . .	126	50	107	120	136	40	48	45	66	58	40	50	28	22	56	16	1,008
“ spreads . . . . .	20	31	39	36	47	16	24	18	18	21	14	15	9	8	14	3	333
Bedsteads . . . . .	29	21	36	29	32	13	16	24	18	21	11	14	8	8	14	3	297
Bibles . . . . .	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Blank books . . . . .	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot
Book-cases . . . . .	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	..	1	22
Boston directories . . . . .	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	21
Brooms . . . . .	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	60	93
Brushes . . . . .	1	2	9	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	10	10	3	2	2	6	60

City Property in use by the Police Department. — Continued.

STATIONS.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	Central Office.	Total.
Buggies . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	4
Carpets, oil . . . . .	..	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	27
Carpets, wool . . . . .	4	2	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	39
Carriage robes . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	4	8
Carryalls . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Cases burglar's tools . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Case surgical instruments . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Cell locks . . . . .	6	..	..	..	24	16	13	..	..	..	6	..	..	5	..	50	120
Cell mattresses . . . . .	..	..	12	..	30	1	24	12	9	6	10	6	13	3	3	12	141
Chairs common . . . . .	30	25	36	32	63	9	30	35	21	24	40	50	36	5	30	..	466
Chairs, office . . . . .	2	9	12	8	9	9	8	3	9	12	9	7	4	6	7	30	143
Chair cushions . . . . .	1	1	8	2	6	3	10	5	3	4	8	1	1	6	2	18	78
City ordinance . . . . .	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	18
Clocks . . . . .	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	35
Clothes chests . . . . .	1	2	1	3	3	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	2	3	23
Coal . . . . .	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	..	..	Lot
Coal hods . . . . .	..	2	6	4	3	3	5	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	..	7	43
Coal stoves . . . . .	1	2	7	2	3	1	7	1	3	1	4	1	1	2	..	5	41

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“	bulletin boards . . . . .	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	8
“	buttons . . . . .	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot
“	clubs . . . . .	55	36	25	40	64	30	36	41	21	30	21	41	28	18	27	558
“	clubs and belts . . . . .	55	75	64	80	65	37	36	41	42	36	42	41	26	31	27	730
“	rattles . . . . .	15	22	31	30	50	..	15	20	12	15	12	20	7	..	..	264
“	regulations . . . . .	55	75	59	80	65	40	36	42	42	36	42	42	27	27	27	767
“	revolvers . . . . .	11	25	19	14	18	17	8	8	18	12	18	8	..	..	13	171
“	revolver cases . . . . .	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	9
“	tent . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Refrigerators	. . . . .	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	12
Rope, fathoms	. . . . .	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	1,460
Row boats	. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Safes	. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Settees	. . . . .	7	3	6	11	6	2	3	2	8	11	8	2	9	7	10	88
Shovels	. . . . .	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	6	2	3	44
Signal bells	. . . . .	..	1	1	1	6	1	5	..	1	2	1	..	1	2	..	24
Sledge hammers	. . . . .	1	..	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Sleighs	. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Soap	. . . . .	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot
Soup kettles	. . . . .	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	13
Spittoons	. . . . .	7	6	6	12	20	20	10	6	12	20	12	6	16	6	12	175
Stationery	. . . . .	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot	Lot
Stakes, iron	. . . . .	7	4	..	4	4	3	3	2	4	3	4	2	3	5	4	86





EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE TWELVE  
MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1876:—

For pay of officers . . . . .	\$776,784 66
“ carting prisoners to courts . . . . .	2,954 70
“ fuel and gas . . . . .	12,589 57
“ water and ice . . . . .	1,844 27
“ furniture and bedding . . . . .	2,405 21
“ care and cleaning of station-houses . . . . .	7,706 32
“ feeding prisoners at stations . . . . .	1,458 00
“ repairs of station-houses . . . . .	4,500 21
“ medical attendance on sick and injured persons . . . . .	1,636 30
“ horse and carriage hire . . . . .	694 08
“ removing stolen property . . . . .	95 35
“ expenses of police steamer . . . . .	3,544 99
“ flags, ropes, stakes, etc. . . . .	665 68
“ expenses and repairs of police telegraph . . . . .	1,063 85
“ printing, stationery and advertising . . . . .	3,319 91
“ badges, wreaths, buttons, etc., etc. . . . .	994 99
“ keeping, medical attendance, etc., of 32 saddle-horses and chief's horse . . . . .	11,462 39
“ shoeing horses . . . . .	1,386 46
“ purchase and repairs of equipments . . . . .	673 66
“ exchange of two horses . . . . .	315 00
“ pursuit and detection of criminals . . . . .	2,044 48
Total . . . . .	<u>\$838,140 18</u>

The appropriation made by the City Council for the financial year from May 1, 1876, to April 30, 1877, was . . . . .	\$850,000 00
The amount expended for 9 months, to Dec. 31, 1876, was . . . . .	629,445 41
Leaving a balance in the treasury of . . . . .	<u>\$220,554 59</u>

which will undoubtedly be ample for the expenses of the department for the remainder of the financial year.

There has been earned and collected by the department during the year the sum of \$25,699.94, all of which has been paid into the city treasury, and credited as follows:—



## Police Department, —

for extra services of officers	.	.	.	\$3,755	22
“ services of police horses	.	.	.	131	66
“ sale of unclaimed property	.	.	.	262	56
“ hack, wagon and billiard licenses issued	.	.	.	5,710	00

## School Department, —

for dog licenses issued	.	.	.	15,818	00
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## County of Suffolk, —

for confiscated game fowls sold	.	.	.	22	50
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\$25,699 94

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WORK DONE BY THE POLICE DURING THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1876.

Arrests	.	.	30,041	Foreigners	.	.	18,273
Males	.	.	24,222	Non-residents	.	.	6,118
Females	.	.	5,819	Minors	.	.	5,417
Americans	.	.	11,768	Commitments	.	.	21,317

*Nature of Crime.*

Abandoning a child	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Abduction	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Accessory to murder	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Adultery	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Arson	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Assault and battery	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,258
Assault felonious	.	.	.	.	.	.	234
Assault indecent	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Assault on an officer	.	.	.	.	.	.	59
Assuming to be an officer	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Assuming to be a pilot	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Attempt to break and enter	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Attempt to commit murder	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Attempt to commit rape	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Attempt to commit larceny	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Attempt to extort money	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Attempt to pick pocket	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Attempt to rescue prisoner	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Attempt to rob	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Bail bond	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Bastardy	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Being present at cock fight	.	.	.	.	.	.	61
Bigamy	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Breaking and entering . . . . .	119
Burglary . . . . .	23
Buying of minors . . . . .	3
Carrying concealed weapons . . . . .	3
Circulating obscene papers . . . . .	3
Common beggars . . . . .	9
Common drunkards . . . . .	297
Common railers and brawlers . . . . .	19
Counterfeiting coin . . . . .	8
Cruelty to animals . . . . .	41
Default warrant . . . . .	240
Deserters . . . . .	23
Disorderly . . . . .	6,503
Disturbing a public meeting . . . . .	13
Disturbing a public school . . . . .	7
Disturbing the peace . . . . .	390
Drunkenness . . . . .	8,564
Embezzlement . . . . .	72
Escaped convicts . . . . .	17
Evading car-fare . . . . .	22
Fast-driving . . . . .	87
Forgery . . . . .	36
Fornication . . . . .	127
Fraud . . . . .	107
Gambling . . . . .	64
Gaming on Lord's day . . . . .	85
Having lottery tickets . . . . .	1
House-breaking . . . . .	107
Idle and disorderly . . . . .	289
Incest . . . . .	1
Indecent exposure . . . . .	36
Insane . . . . .	192
Keeping a cock-pit . . . . .	1
Keeping a gaming-house . . . . .	2
Keeping a lottery . . . . .	13
Keeping a house of ill-fame . . . . .	95
Keeping a noisy and disorderly house . . . . .	30
Larceny simple . . . . .	1,715
Larceny felonious . . . . .	535
Lewd and lascivious persons . . . . .	26
Maintaining masked ball . . . . .	7
Malicious mischief . . . . .	349
Manslaughter . . . . .	5
Murder . . . . .	14
Mutiny . . . . .	4
Nightwalking . . . . .	322
Passing counterfeit money . . . . .	3

Peddling without license . . . . .	4
Perjury . . . . .	19
Picking pockets . . . . .	15
Procuring abortion . . . . .	3
Polygamy . . . . .	7
Rape . . . . .	3
Receiving stolen goods . . . . .	91
Refusing to support family . . . . .	4
Rescuing a prisoner . . . . .	13
Robbery . . . . .	66
Runaways . . . . .	41
Shop-breaking . . . . .	199
Stealing a ride . . . . .	27
Stubborn children . . . . .	84
Subornation of perjury . . . . .	3
Suspicion of larceny . . . . .	513
Suspicion of robbery . . . . .	4
Suspicious persons . . . . .	1,345
Threatening bodily harm . . . . .	59
Truancy . . . . .	135
Vagrancy . . . . .	437
Violation of city ordinance . . . . .	544
Violation of dog law . . . . .	126
Violation of health law . . . . .	1
Violation of license law . . . . .	2,176
Violation of lobster law . . . . .	6
Violation of railroad law . . . . .	2
Violation of revenue law . . . . .	2
Violation of Sunday law . . . . .	291
Voting illegally . . . . .	22
Witnesses . . . . .	299
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 30,041

*Nativity of Prisoners.*

United States . . . . .	11,690
British Provinces . . . . .	1,047
Canada . . . . .	103
Ireland . . . . .	14,578
England . . . . .	1,068
France . . . . .	117
Germany . . . . .	739
Italy . . . . .	94
Portugal . . . . .	14
Sweden . . . . .	129
Scotland . . . . .	312

Spain . . . . .	24
Norway . . . . .	25
Switzerland . . . . .	12
Denmark . . . . .	16
Wales . . . . .	5
Belgium . . . . .	21
Russia . . . . .	34
West Indies . . . . .	11
China . . . . .	2
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b><u>30,041</u></b>

Number of lodgers . . . . .	63,726
Males . . . . .	57,430
Females . . . . .	6,296
Americans . . . . .	22,044
Foreigners . . . . .	41,682
Non-residents . . . . .	51,829
Minors . . . . .	5,228

*Nativity of Lodgers.*

United States . . . . .	22,099
British Provinces . . . . .	3,022
Canada . . . . .	456
Ireland . . . . .	29,589
England . . . . .	4,916
France . . . . .	424
Germany . . . . .	718
Italy . . . . .	92
Portugal . . . . .	27
Sweden . . . . .	228
Scotland . . . . .	1,836
Spain . . . . .	23
Norway . . . . .	48
Switzerland . . . . .	32
Denmark . . . . .	65
Wales . . . . .	23
Belgium . . . . .	34
Russia . . . . .	36
Poland . . . . .	5
West Indies . . . . .	53
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b><u>63,726</u></b>



*Miscellaneous Business.*

Accidents reported . . . . .	1,025
Boats challenged . . . . .	145
Buildings found open and secured . . . . .	2,955
Cases investigated . . . . .	9,925
Dangerous buildings reported . . . . .	46
Dangerous chimneys reported . . . . .	33
Dead bodies found . . . . .	120
Defective cesspools reported . . . . .	107
Defective drains and vaults reported . . . . .	737
Defective fire-alarms and clocks reported . . . . .	116
Defective gas-pipes reported . . . . .	95
Defective hydrants reported . . . . .	27
Defective lamps reported . . . . .	3,949
Defective streets and sidewalks reported . . . . .	7,277
Defective water-pipes reported . . . . .	340
Disturbances suppressed . . . . .	15,745
Extra duties done by officers . . . . .	5,331
Fire alarms given . . . . .	290
Fires extinguished without alarm . . . . .	277
Intoxicated persons assisted home . . . . .	681
Lost children restored . . . . .	1,480
Rescued from drowning . . . . .	24
Sick and injured persons assisted . . . . .	556
Stray teams put up . . . . .	288
Street obstructions removed . . . . .	6,682
Vessels boarded . . . . .	180
Water running to waste reported . . . . .	277

Amount of property taken from prisoners and lodgers and restored to them . . . . .	\$59,980 88
Amount of property reported stolen in the city . . . . .	\$57,063 00
Amount of property recovered, which was stolen in and out of the city . . . . .	\$57,994 80
Amount of fines imposed by the courts . . . . .	\$153,801 00
Amount of imprisonment by the same . . . . .	2,697 yrs. 11 mo.
Number of days' attendance in court by of- ficers . . . . .	21,482
Amount of witness fees earned by them . . . . .	\$25,355 62
Amount collected for dog licenses issued . . . . .	\$15,818 00

## LIQUOR PROSECUTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1876.

Warrants obtained for keeping and selling without license . . . . .	2,199
Warrants of search executed and seizures made .	1,355
Warrants of search executed and no liquors found .	474
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Total number of prosecutions . . . . .	4,028
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Total number of gallons seized . . . . .	<u>32,654</u>
Lots of seized liquors forfeited . . . . .	1,222
Lots of seized liquors returned to owners .	29
Lots of seized liquors not disposed of .	104
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	1,355
Gallons of seized liquors forfeited . . . . .	26,888
Gallons of seized liquors returned to owners .	1,088
Gallons of seized liquors not disposed of .	4,678
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	<u>32,654</u>
Places where liquors were sold prior to Jan. 1, 1876 . . . . .	2,411
Places now licensed, which were opened prior to Jan. 1, 1876 . . . . .	924
Places now licensed, opened since Jan. 1, 1876 . . . . .	179
Places supposed to be selling without license . . . . .	868
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	1,971
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Number of places reduced during year	<u>440</u>
Number of new places opened and licensed during year	179
Total number of places selling reduced during year .	440
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Number of places where selling has been abandoned	619

## ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS.

The following table shows the number of commitments for drunkenness in each month for the last three years : —

MONTH.	1874.	1875.	1876.
January . . . . .	865	838	714
February . . . . .	847	717	558
March . . . . .	894	839	731
April . . . . .	865	774	747
May . . . . .	876	997	684
June . . . . .	957	851	746
July . . . . .	923	821	638
August . . . . .	1,192	1,043	724
September . . . . .	1,027	813	753
October . . . . .	1,156	905	882
November . . . . .	1,220	851	712
December . . . . .	1,058	876	675

## SUPERINTENDENT OF HACKS.

Rufus C. Marsh, Superintendent, reports : —

Whole number of carriages licensed . . . . .	710
Licenses transferred during the year . . . . .	41
Licenses revoked for cause . . . . .	1
Applications for license refused . . . . .	7
Complaints made at court for violation of license . . . . .	39
Fees for license collected and paid to City Collector . . . . .	\$650 00

The Superintendent further says : "The drivers of licensed carriages have been, with few exceptions, gentlemanly and courteous, and attentive to their business; and while there has been an unusually large number of articles left in carriages during the year, yet everything of the kind reported at this office has been recovered and restored to the owners. Some confusion has occurred at steamboat wharves and railroad depots, owing to parties known as 'speculating hackmen,' who offer to carry passengers at a lower rate than allowed by the ordinance; and several cases of this nature have been pros-



ecuted, but are not yet disposed of in the higher court. In order to secure the attendance, at all times, of responsible hackmen, who shall be ready to accommodate the public travel, during all weathers, and on any occasion, by day or night, some more stringent ordinance seems to be required to protect them and the public from the imposition of irresponsible parties."

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF WAGONS.

Timothy R. Page, Superintendent, reports : —

Licenses in force January 1, 1876 . . . . .	3,498
Licenses renewed July 1, 1876 . . . . .	3,339
New licenses, granted during year . . . . .	95
Licenses transferred . . . . .	229
Locations of wagon-stands changed . . . . .	47
Complaints against drivers investigated . . . . .	38
Cases of cruelty to animals investigated . . . . .	41
Wrong deliveries of goods rectified . . . . .	17
Fees collected for licenses and paid to City Collector . . . . .	\$3,095 00

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF PAWNBROKERS AND JUNK-DEALERS.

William H. McCausland, Superintendent, reports : —

Pawnbrokers licensed during the year . . . . .	83
Licenses cancelled . . . . .	3
Licenses revoked . . . . .	1
Licenses refused . . . . .	9
Complaints against pawnbrokers investigated . . . . .	113
Complaints at court for doing business without license . . . . .	2
Second-hand dealers licensed . . . . .	255
Licenses cancelled . . . . .	7
Licenses revoked . . . . .	4
Licenses transferred . . . . .	37
Licenses refused . . . . .	7
Complaints against . . . . .	143
Licenses to collect junk issued during the year . . . . .	263
Licenses to collect junk cancelled . . . . .	43
Fees collected for licenses and paid to City Clerk . . . . .	\$1,106 00
Stolen property recovered during the year . . . . .	\$5,247 00

The Superintendent says : "Many complaints are made in consequence of goods pawned being sold by the pawnbrokers before the time agreed on for redemption had ex-



pired,— a matter which is not now regulated by law ; and I would recommend that the ordinance relating to pawnbrokers be so amended as to define the time that all articles pawned shall be kept before being sold.”

SUPERINTENDENT OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICES, BILLIARD-ROOMS, AUCTIONEERS, ETC.

Henry C. Hemmenway, Superintendent, reports :—

Licenses for intelligence offices granted . . . . .	95
Licenses cancelled . . . . .	18
Licenses transferred . . . . .	16
Licenses revoked . . . . .	2
Licenses refused . . . . .	11
Complaints against offices investigated . . . . .	103
Complaints at court for doing business without license . . . . .	3
Licenses granted for billiard and bowling saloons . . . . .	93
Licenses revoked . . . . .	2
Licenses refused . . . . .	2
Complaints investigated . . . . .	8
Licenses granted to auctioneers . . . . .	101
Licenses revoked . . . . .	1
Licenses refused . . . . .	10
Complaints investigated . . . . .	15
Licenses granted for public exhibitions . . . . .	43
Licenses refused . . . . .	6
Complaints investigated . . . . .	9
Applications for street-stands examined . . . . .	1,240
Permits granted . . . . .	517
Permits cancelled . . . . .	83
Stands removed . . . . .	24
Complaints investigated . . . . .	75
Applications for victuallers' licenses examined . . . . .	136
Licenses granted . . . . .	70
Licenses refused . . . . .	66
Permits granted to sell domestic fruit . . . . .	386
Permits cancelled or revoked . . . . .	10
Fees collected for licenses and paid to City Clerk . . . . .	\$859 00

The Superintendent also says : " I have investigated quite a number of complaints against swindling brokers, and have caused to be restored to the owners the sum of \$78.00, which had been wrongfully taken from them by unprincipled parties. I have also visited the places under my charge as often as circumstances would permit."

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING PERMITS.

Elisha W. Goodwin, Superintendent, reports : —

Permits in force, January 1, 1876	.	.	285	
Permits granted during the year	.	.	1,033	
			<hr/>	1,318
Permits cancelled during the year	.	.	985	
Permits revoked	.	.	11	
Permits in force, December 31, 1876	.	.	322	
			<hr/>	1,318
Prosecutions for violations of permits	.	.		4

The following table shows the extent of building improvements in the city during the year : —

STATION.	IRON.	COST.	STONE.	COST.	BRICK.	COST.	WOOD.	COST.	TOTAL.	COST.
1 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3	\$6,000	5	\$98,000	. . . . .	. . . . .	8	\$104,000
2 . . . . .	3	99,500	10	2,043,000	8	114,000	2	3,500	23	2,260,000
3 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	16	179,800	1	1,200	17	181,000
4 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	16	1,364,000	47	1,067,000	. . . . .	. . . . .	63	2,431,000
5 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	3	225,000	24	425,000	1	1,000	28	651,000
6 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4	5,700	41	86,300	45	92,000
7 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	5	13,300	46	129,700	51	143,000
8 . . . . .	2	30,500	. . . . .	. . . . .	5	230,000	1	12,500	8	273,000
9 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	15	131,000	71	231,000	86	362,000
10 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	350,000	7	171,000	26	81,000	34	602,000
11 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	8,000	61	191,000	62	199,000
12 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	40	81,000	40	81,000
13 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	12,000	4	93,000	89	187,000	94	292,000
14 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	2	18,000	55	156,000	57	174,000
15 . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	14	74,000	37	67,000	51	141,000
Total . . . . .	5	\$130,000	34	\$4,000,000	157	\$2,627,800	471	\$1,228,200	667	\$7,986,000



## POLICE CHARITABLE FUND.

This fund consists of the witness fees earned by police officers in the municipal courts, and has been set apart by the City Council, and placed under the supervision of His Honor the Mayor, the City Auditor, and the City Treasurer, as trustees. The interest of this fund is to be applied for the relief of men who have served in the department, and have received an honorable discharge therefrom, and who, by reason of sickness or other disability, are in necessitous circumstances, and also to the relief of the widows and orphans of such men, who are in necessitous circumstances.

The amount of the fund is now	.	.	.	\$60,750 00
The annual interest is	.	.	.	\$3,645 00
The number of men beneficiaries is	.	.	.	3
The number of widow beneficiaries is	.	.	.	17

There are also several other applications now under consideration. This is appreciated as one of the most just and noble charities of the city, and it is hoped that the means to increase the fund may continue, until the income may suffice to meet the necessities of all the deserving persons for whose benefit it is set apart.

## BOSTON POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

This association was organized in 1870, and is composed of all members of the department who choose to join.

The object of the association is to render temporary assistance to sick or disabled members, and to aid their families in case of death; it has now a fund of some twenty-seven thousand dollars, and in its operation thus far has not only provided a most acceptable and necessary relief to the members in time of affliction and need, but it has done much to strengthen a union of interest among the members, which is so necessary to usefulness and success in a department like ours.

The association is now being reorganized under a charter granted by the Legislature, which charter, together with a code of by-laws, has received the approval of the City Government, and with the experience of the past, and the inducements offered, which are very liberal and fully equal to those afforded by any other similar association in the country, it is hoped that every member of the department will avail himself of its advantages under the new organization.



Capt. John W. Chase, President of the Association, makes the following report of its present condition and workings during the year : —

Number of members Jan. 1, 1876 . . . . .	426	
Joined during the year . . . . .	14	
	—	440
Died during the year . . . . .	9	
Withdrawn during the year . . . . .	9	
	—	18
Present membership . . . . .		<u>422</u>

Total fund Jan. 1, 1876 . . . . .	\$27,235 30	
Proceeds of annual ball . . . . .	5,280 26	
Annual assessments of members . . . . .	2,110 00	
Admission fees of new members . . . . .	140 00	
Interest on funds invested . . . . .	874 33	
Donations . . . . .	13 00	
	—	\$35,652 89

Paid for sick benefits (114 members) . . . . .	\$3,046 00	
Paid on death of nine members . . . . .	4,500 00	
Paid on death of six members' wives . . . . .	600 00	
Paid contingent expenses . . . . .	81 00	
	—	\$8,227 00

Amount of fund Dec. 31, 1876 . . . . .	<u>\$27,425 99</u>
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#### POLICE TELEGRAPH.

The police telegraph apparatus, consisting of about forty miles of wire, connecting the several station-houses with the central office, and Ander's magneto dial machines, was built at a cost of about \$8,000, and has been in use about six years. From the experience of almost constant use during this time, this system is believed to be preferable to any other for ease of adjustment, simplicity of operation and despatch of business. In consequence of the erection of new buildings and the repairs of others, considerable expense has been incurred for removing and replacing the structures that sustain the lines; but with all the repairs, alterations and other necessary work, the whole expense for the year will

probably be kept within the amount appropriated. When it is considered that more than 60,000 messages pertaining to the business of the department have been transmitted over these lines during the year, and that in case of an emergency the chief of the department, at the machine in the central office, can throw the whole police force of the city to any one or more given points in an almost incredibly short space of time, the value of the telegraph will be partially appreciated.

### POLICE STEAMBOAT.

The Police steamer, "Protector," has now been in commission two years, and has proved a very valuable acquisition to the service in the harbor. She is manned by one chief officer, one second officer, one engineer, one fireman, and two deck-hands. The second officer, with a sufficient number of men selected from the land force, constitute a relief crew which can be immediately called into service in the night time, or in cases of emergency. By the courtesy of the owners of Battery Wharf, the boat still has a berth at their pier free of charge. She leaves her dock regularly every day at eight o'clock, A. M., and one o'clock, P. M., and being of great speed and light draft is enabled to visit all parts of the harbor during the day. Signals are arranged on the inhabited islands, so that notice can be given the steamer if police services are required. The boat is provided with fire apparatus capable of throwing two powerful streams of water, and she lies at her wharf during the night, with her fires banked, and in charge of an officer, ready to proceed at short notice to any fire occurring on the water front, or to be called on in any other emergency. The steamer has been confined strictly to the duties for which it was intended, and the following is a portion of the work done by her during the year :—

Vessels boarded and furnished with Harbor Regulations	156
Alarms of fire answered . . . . .	41
Buoys reported missing or out of place . . . . .	10
Missing boats recovered . . . . .	12
Dead bodies recovered . . . . .	6
Vessels and boats in distress relieved . . . . .	5

Assistance has also been rendered the Port Physician, the department of Public Baths, and several other departments of the city.

There have been no complaints during the year of illegally removing gravel from the islands, nor of boarding-house



runners for illegally boarding foreign vessels; and it has been the remark of masters of vessels from all ports of the world, that in no harbor are vessels and merchandise better protected than in Boston since the steamer "Protector" has been in commission.

The criminal jurisdiction of Boston in the harbor covers a larger area than all the land territory in the city, including several inhabited islands, and bounded by a coast line of more than thirty miles, on which are two hundred and twenty wharves; its waters float thousands of vessels, containing tens of thousands of lives and millions of dollars of merchandise, and when it is considered that the only police protection provided to guard this great trust lies in this little steamer, the necessity and value of her service in the harbor can be readily understood.

### MOUNTED POLICE.

The experiment of using saddle-horses in the police service has, after a trial of two years, proved a most satisfactory success; not only in the outer districts, where the routes are large and the dwellings comparatively sparse, has this branch of the force been highly appreciated, but also in the central parts of the city, in escorting processions, managing large street gatherings, and especially at large fires the service of the mounted men have been exceedingly valuable. In almost any case of emergency, where quick, energetic and efficient work is to be done, we have found that the presence of the mounted officers gives a strength and effect to the force that could be secured in no other way.

The department now has 32 saddle-horses, costing with their equipments about \$9,000. The horses are mostly in excellent condition, and, notwithstanding the general depreciation in property, are collectively of more value now than when purchased two years ago. The unusually large number of public gatherings and street parades of the past year will not probably occur again for several years to come, and whether it will be advisable to retain all the horses now on duty in the central part of the city, is a matter for consideration. The expenses of the mounted force have been kept within the sum appropriated for that purpose.

### CONDITION OF STATION-HOUSES.

At the commencement of the year a new arrangement was entered into, whereby the repairs, painting, whitening and





Number of meals issued to families . . . . .	234,235
Number of meals eaten by lodgers at stations . . . . .	94
Cost per meal . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{6}$ cents.
Greatest number of families fed in any one day . . . . .	630
Average number in a family, about . . . . .	5

If the good people who look with so much distrust upon this charity would occasionally visit the station-houses, and view the barefoot children and half-clad women, while they wait their turn to receive the few pence-worth of soup, then follow them through the frost to their poverty-stricken homes and witness the relish with which they devour their scanty meal, while the father of the family is walking the street or standing on the wharf, seeking or waiting for the job of work which seldom comes, I think they would gain a new impression, and be convinced that the charity of the city was not wholly misapplied.

During the one hundred days of soup distribution about \$700 was contributed by generous persons, and was expended by the police for bread, provisions, fuel, medicine, and other necessities for the benefit of the sick and destitute. On Thanksgiving day, also, contributions were received amounting to \$887, which was distributed by the police among the destitute poor who were not remembered by others. By this means 753 families, numbering 2,802 persons (among whom were the families of 557 widows), were supplied with poultry for a good dinner; while to some of the more needy small sums of money were given.

#### STATION-HOUSE LODGERS.

The following table shows the number of persons provided with lodgings at the police station-houses in each month during the year, and also the non-residents among them:—

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Lodgers . . . . .	7502	7513	7946	6734	5034	2623	1365	1925	3591	5356	5953	8184	63,726
Non-residents . . . . .	5848	5913	6444	5516	4273	2074	1039	1451	2951	4258	5122	6940	51,829

Being an aggregate of 63,000 persons who have simply lodged at our station-houses during the year, in addition to the 30,000 others confined there for crime, misdemeanors, and other charges; and one of the most striking features of

this record is, that of these 63,000 lodgers, 51,000 of them were non-residents. Who are they, and how do they exist? They are, for the most part, a class of men, — call them tramps, vagrants, or what we please, — who have no home or residence, but travel from place to place without any apparent design, save to obtain such food as they can beg or steal, and a comfortable place to lie down when night comes. Very few of them are disposed to work if work was offered them, and most of them scatter about the country when summer comes, but are sure to find their way back to the city on the approach of cold weather, as will be seen by a reference to the table. It has been said that the soup furnished by the city for its poor "is a bid for tramps;" but when we consider that the whole quantity of soup eaten at the station-houses by this army of 63,000 lodgers was just *ninety-four pints*, — all the rest being issued to resident families, — it is hard for any sensible man to discover any very great inducement for tramps; but the warm cell in a station-house, — poor lodging as it is, — together with the other inducements usually found in a large city, and the knowledge that they can live here without work, has increased the number of non-resident beggars and station-house lodgers more than one hundred per cent. in the last five years, — a class of people who have become a burden and a nuisance even to the police, and who devour a large part of the charity that should go to relieve the sufferings of our own worthy poor. The straggler who applies at the station-house for lodgings on a cold winter's night, cannot be turned away or left to perish in the street as long as there is room for him to stand up inside. As he is continually moving from place to place, he can be proved a vagabond only in very few instances, and even if the whole 63,000 could be proved so to be, what could be done with them? Our almshouses and prisons are already full. But one thing appears certain from our past experience — they will continue to come in increased numbers unless something shall be done to set them at work, or render their stay here less inviting.

#### THE CATALOGUE OF CRIME.

In turning to the catalogue of crime as presented in this report, the first item that meets the eye is "Arrests, 30,041." Thirty thousand persons arrested in Boston in one short year! To him who looks on the dark side of human life this is a sad showing, and he will be likely to turn away with the remark, "Truly the world in general is growing bad, very bad, and



Boston in particular is a very wicked city." Indeed, some very good and learned people, starting from this point, seem to have convinced themselves that for vice and crime Boston is without a parallel.

If we pursue the inquiry farther in relation to the nature of crime committed, as set forth in the catalogue, we find that more than two-thirds of the number of arrests are included in four offences called misdemeanors, viz.: drunkenness, simple assaults, disorderly, and suspicious persons, and that less than one-fifteenth of the crimes charged are of a nature called felonious. I say charged, because when a person is taken into custody for crime, it is the duty of the officer making the arrest to record the same, and make complaint against the prisoner for the highest crime of which there is reasonable evidence to prove him or her guilty; but the court before whom the case is investigated may find the party guilty of a less offence, and render such verdict as the trial may justify; but in no case can a verdict be rendered of a higher crime than the one charged: for instance, a person may be charged with murder; a coroner's inquest and a grand jury may find a "true bill," and at the subsequent trial he may possibly be found guilty of murder; but the verdict is more likely to be manslaughter, felonious assault, simple assault, or justifiable homicide; or he may be set at liberty without trial, some one else having confessed the crime; but, in either case, the charge on the record of the arresting officer must stand as first made, and similar cases often occur in all classes of crimes and misdemeanors for which arrests are required to be made. This, with the large number of arrests for violation of the city ordinances, for insanity and delirium-tremens, and for other causes that cannot properly be classed as misdemeanors; together with those in custody as deserters, runaways, detained witnesses, etc., etc., will reduce not only the magnitude of crimes charged, but also the number of criminals, very essentially from what may at first view appear in the catalogue; and if it may prove that the police of Boston reap their field a little closer, or that the press spread their "locals" a little broader than in other cities, it should not be taken as evidence that our people are more wicked.

# COMPARATIVE SECURITY OF PROPERTY IN BOSTON FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS.

YEAR.	Estimated Population.	Valuation of Personal Property.	Property Reported Stolen in the City.	Property Recov- ered, Stolen in and out of City.
1861 . . . .	180,000	\$103,978,000	\$109,085	\$75,623
1862 . . . .	180,000	112,570,000	196,082	163,498
1863 . . . .	182,000	132,882,000	125,291	93,207
1864 . . . .	185,000	150,377,000	943,702	90,195
1865 . . . .	192,000	170,263,000	214,299	144,240
1866 . . . .	197,000	189,595,000	161,355	520,227
1867 . . . .	200,000	194,358,000	130,510	124,020
1868 . . . .	230,000	205,937,000	126,008	107,125
1869 . . . .	237,000	217,159,000	431,234	200,607
1870 . . . .	250,000	218,496,000	94,020	75,162
1871 . . . .	265,000	217,448,000	60,018	71,151
1872 . . . .	275,000	239,440,000	63,801	70,014
1873 . . . .	300,000	223,744,000	78,225	69,229
1874 . . . .	337,000	244,554,000	78,485	86,150
1875 . . . .	342,000	234,998,000	65,389	100,824
1876 . . . .	350,000	222,732,000	57,166	57,994

For the 9 years from 1861 to 1869, inclusive, —

Average population . . . . .	198,000
Average valuation of personal property . . . . .	\$164,123,000
Average amount of property stolen in the city yearly . . . . .	\$270,840
being $\frac{1}{6}$ of 1 per cent. on the average valuation of personal property.	
Average amount of property recovered yearly, which was stolen in and out of the city . . . . .	\$168,749

For the 7 years from 1870 to 1876, inclusive, —

Average population . . . . .	304,000
Average valuation of personal property . . . . .	\$228,973,000
Average amount of property stolen in the city yearly . . . . .	\$62,849 00
being $\frac{1}{36}$ of 1 per cent. on the average valua- tion of personal property.	
Average amount of property recovered yearly, which was stolen in and out of the city . . . . .	\$75,789 00



From a careful analysis of the records of the central office relative to offences against property, it appears that the amount of property involved, compared with the number of offences committed during the last few years, has been much smaller than in former years; while the number of arrests made, compared with the number of offences committed, is much larger. This has been so especially during the past year, the proportion of arrests made being more than four-fifths of the offences reported, although, as in all years, it has sometimes happened that more than one person has been arrested for participating in the same offence. During the year opportunities for committing offences against property have been more than usually inviting. The very large number of houses left vacant during the summer, with the frequent recurrence of day and evening processions, and the excitement attending the fall elections, have presented unusual facilities for the work of the thief; yet the number of house robberies and street larcenies in the city has been much smaller than usual. During the two great street parades of the 10th and 11th of October, but two street larcenies were reported for both days, and on the occasion of the great torch-light procession, on the night of the 26th of October, when both sides of the streets, over a route of six miles, were lined with a dense crowd of people; while thousands of dwellings were left for the time unprotected, offering an opportunity for disturbance and plunder without a parallel in this city, not a single offence against person or property was reported to have been committed.

During the year no capital offence has been committed in which implicated parties have not been arrested and held before the courts; no bank has been broken and robbed; no general disturbance has occurred, and although a large number of arrests has been made for offences committed against property, yet a less amount of property has been reported stolen in the city than for the last sixteen years.

#### EXTRA WORK. — HEALTH AND DISCIPLINE.

The numerical strength of the department has been kept nearer the maximum during the past year than usual; the retirements have been less and the vacancies earlier filled than formerly; but the force has been weakened, as in previous years, by the detail, for four months of the busiest season, of fifteen men for duty at the bath-houses.

The extra duty which the men have been called on to perform during the year has been unusually large. A very great number of houses were left vacant during the summer, and on many districts proper protection could not be given without more than ordinary service, and on frequent occasions the officers have been required, after doing the regular duty of the day on their routes, to go out afterwards for further service in citizen's dress. The detail at the central office, especially, have done, in addition to their regular day duty, a large amount of very valuable work in securing the arrest of thieves and recovering stolen property, mingling with the crowds at processions, and visiting places of amusement in the night-time.

Many of the officers at the stations, when off duty, have devoted much of their time to hunting up criminals and in securing lost and stolen property. Details of from four to four hundred and fifty men each, have been called for and sent out for duty at public gatherings, street parades, and torchlight processions on over two hundred occasions during the year, and the officers so detailed have often been required, after several hours of this, the hardest kind of duty, to go upon their routes and patrol until morning.

The execution of the license law has also added to the duties of the department a task of the most delicate and difficult nature, requiring the best judgment of the officers detailed for that service, to discriminate between the rights of citizens and the demands of the law; but it is believed that the public have had little cause to complain of the manner in which this duty has been performed. These extra and arduous duties, with the surroundings and temptations always incident to police service, have furnished an unusually severe test of the faithfulness and power of endurance of the members of the force; yet there have been less retirements from office; less cases requiring suspension, fine or reprimand; less complaint by citizens for overt acts or neglect of duty by officers, and less sickness in the department than for the last ten years; and at no former time have orders been more readily or cheerfully obeyed. The cheerfulness, good judgment, and untiring efforts with which all members of the central office and the officers in charge of districts have rendered their aid, and the united co-operation of all members of the department in the discharge of their official duties, have rendered comparatively light and pleasant the many cares and responsibilities resting on the chief officer, and have contributed in no small degree to whatever of success the department may have secured.



For the kind consideration and assistance ever extended to me by His Honor the Mayor, the Committee on Police, and all members of the City Council, I tender my most sincere and grateful thanks.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

E. H. SAVAGE,

*Chief of Police.*





